

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA110619-4756

28 June 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 11 June 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Environment Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for;

Please can you send me internal and external email exchanges, telephone notes, as well as the agendas, reports and minutes from any meetings, all relating, directly or indirectly, to the Kingston Direction of Travel Adoption Report (purportedly adopted by the Mayor on 17 October 2016) between the dates of 1 June 2016 and 31 May 2019? As both the GLA and RBK are public authorities there should be no reason to redact any names.

It is also important that residents and businesses are given an understanding of the process that has been followed and the timings of that process with urgency as the proposed housing and jobs targets for Kingston, including massive additional housing and jobs targets with Crossrail 2, and the designation of Kingston as an Opportunity Area in the new London Plan which will bring further development, are in the process of being finalised. All information relating to the timings of decisions made to establish targets for growth in Kingston should therefore be in the public domain now. More so as Crossrail 2 is looking less likely yet RBK still are acting as if it is almost imminent.

Our response to your request is as follows:

To clarify, the Direction of Travel report does not set any housing or jobs targets, nor does it designate Kingston as an OA – this is done through the London Plan. Please note that the lead Planning officer left the GLA some time ago, therefore internal emails and those between the GLA and RBK for most of the period of you have specified are no longer held. You may find information of interest on our disclosure log in relation to this subject area (some of which will be in scope of your request):

[MGLA150419-0510 - Adoption Document for the Kingston OAPF meeting attendees](#)

[MGLA010419-9295 - Kingston Town Centre Network](#)

[MGLA251016-0839 - Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames Opportunity Area](#)

[MGLA291116-4866 - Kingston upon Thames Opportunity Area Terms of Reference](#)

[MGLA061216-5824 - Development Infrastructure Funding Study for RBK](#)

[MGLA040117-8593 - Intended scope of Development Infrastructure Funding Study](#)

[MGLA040219-4798 - Large sites identified in development capacity study Kingston](#)
[MGLA180219-5861 - Direction of Travel for the RBKT Adoption](#)
[MGLA010419-9166 - PTAL rating of the Cambridge Road Estate Kingston](#)
[MGLA090419-9959 - Adoption Document for the Kingston DoT publication date evidence](#)
[MGLA090419-9975 - RBK Direction of Travel Adoption communications](#)
[MGLA291117-6054 - Cambridge Road Estate Housing Zone](#)

Please note that not all names of public sector employees are disclosable under EIR. The seniority of the staff will of course be a key factor in deciding whether disclosure is fair when responding to requests. This issue was covered back in an early 2007 Information Tribunal decision¹. Some names of members of staff with our previous disclosures are therefore exempt from disclosure Regulation 13 of the EIR (or section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act)

Where information can identify specific employees, it constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

¹ <http://informationrights.decisions.tribunals.gov.uk//DBFiles/Decision/i101/MoD.pdf>